

LESSON



Daddy's Helper

SERVICE Jesus sets an example of service for us.

References

Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 72-74.

Memory Verse

"Even a child is known by his actions" (Proverbs 20:11, NIV).

Objectives

The children will:

Know that they can cheerfully love and serve those around them every day.

Feel accepted and comfortable as they show love in serving others.

Respond by willingly doing their best at whatever they are asked to do.

The Message



We serve God when we do our best work.

Getting Ready to Teach

The Bible Lesson at a Glance

Jesus lives in Nazareth as a boy. As the years pass He grows taller and learns lessons from His parents. He shows His love to Joseph and Mary by being helpful and obedient. He helps Mary at home. He helps Joseph in the carpenter's shop and learns to be a good carpenter. Whatever He is asked to do, He does it with His best effort.

This is a lesson about service.

We can serve others around us by obeying and helping our parents, and by doing our work with a cheerful and wholehearted attitude as Jesus did.

Teacher Enrichment

"In His earth-life, Christ was . . . obedient and helpful in the home. He learned the carpenter's trade and worked with His

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Program Outline			
LESSON SECTION	MINUTES	ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS NEEDED
Welcome	ongoing	Greet students at door; hear pleased/troubled	none
1 Readiness Options	up to 10	A. <i>Carpenter Shop</i> B. <i>Do Your Best</i>	building toys paper, crayons
* Prayer and Praise *	up to 10	See page 23. *Prayer and Praise may be used at any time during the program.	
2 Bible Lesson	up to 20	Experiencing the Story	play hammers, saws, and brooms; stick of wood; stone; a forked stick or picture of a plow
		Bible Study	Bible
		Memory Verse	Bible
3 Applying the Lesson	up to 15	<i>What Would Jesus Do?</i>	none
4 Sharing the Lesson	up to 15	<i>Helping Chart</i>	Helping Chart pattern (see p. 27), paper, crayons, scissors

own hands in the little shop at Nazareth. . . . The Bible says of Jesus, 'And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.' As He worked in childhood and youth, mind and body were developed. He did not use His physical powers recklessly, but gave them such exercise as would keep them in health, that He might do the best work in every line. He was not willing to be defective, even in the handling of tools. He was perfect as a workman, as He was perfect in character" (*Child Guidance*, p. 345).

"Jesus lived in a peasant's home, and

faithfully and cheerfully acted His part in bearing the burdens of the household. He had been the Commander of heaven, and angels had delighted to fulfill His word; now He was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 72).

What are you doing to keep your mind and body in good health? What things in your life are getting your best efforts? What kind of an example are you to the children?

Room Decorations

Add to your room a carpenter's bench, some tools, and wood.

Teaching the Lesson

Welcome

Welcome each child by name as they come in the door. Ask them about their week. Follow up on last week's sharing activity. Listen to last week's memory verse and encourage the children to share any experiences from last week's lesson study. Have them begin the readiness activity of your choice.

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Readiness Activities

Select the activity most appropriate for your situation.

A. Carpenter Shop

Provide building toys, such as wooden blocks, LEGOs, Tinkertoys, or Lincoln Logs. Allow the children to build. Talk about how Jesus' father was a carpenter and taught Him how to build things.

You Need:

- ☐ building toys

Debriefing

Allow response time as you ask: **What did you build? Jesus helped His daddy in the carpenter shop. Do you think what you built was something Jesus might have built? Do you help at home? How does it make you feel when you help at home? Whatever Jesus built or helped to do, He did the very best He could. What do you think about putting your best effort into doing something well? Today's message is:**



We serve God when we do our best work.

Say that with me.

B. Do Your Best

Provide each child with paper and crayons. Ask them to draw a picture of anything they choose, but to do their very best at it.

You Need:

- ☐ paper
- ☐ crayons

Debriefing

Say: **Let's see the pictures you drew. Did you do your best? I can tell you worked very hard on these. How does it make you feel when you try your best to do something really well, and it turns out good? We'll learn today how Jesus did His very best work in whatever He did for others. Today's message is:**



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PRAYER AND PRAISE



Fellowship

Report the children's joys and sorrows (as appropriate). Allow time for sharing experiences from last week's lesson study and review last week's memory verse. Acknowledge any birthdays, special events, or achievements. Give a special warm greeting to all visitors.

Suggested Songs

"With Jesus in the Family" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 273)

"A Child Like Me" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 177)

"I Like to Help My Mother" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 291)

"Jesus Was a Helper" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 295)

Mission

Share a story from *Children's Mission*.

Offering

Say: **When we give our offering to Jesus, we are giving the best we can so that others may learn about His love.**

Prayer

Say: **Today we are talking about doing our best work to serve others. Let's ask Jesus to help us do our best for Him in whatever we do.**

*Prayer and Praise may be used at any time during the program.

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Bible Lesson

Experiencing the Story

You Need:

- ☐ play hammers, saws, and brooms
- ☐ stick of wood
- ☐ stone
- ☐ a forked stick or picture of a plow

Give each child either a hammer, saw, or broom to hold. Ask them to hold their tool quietly until they hear it mentioned in the story. Then they can pretend to use it.

Read or tell the story.

Jesus' father, Joseph, was a carpenter. A carpenter is a person who builds or fixes things made of wood.

Joseph had a workshop near his house. He built furniture in his shop. What kind of furniture do you think

he made? He made furniture such as chairs and tables [*point to chair and table in the room*].

Joseph also made tools. Do you know what a tool is? It's something you use to help you do a job. He took a stick of wood [*hold up stick*] and made it smooth. Then he took a piece of stone [*hold up stone*] and fastened it to the end of the stick. He made a tool to pound things. Do you know what tool Joseph made? That's right. He made a hammer [*children with hammers pretend to pound*].

Joseph made big tools, such as a plow, too. Do you know what a plow is? It's a tool to dig up the earth so that farmers can plant seeds. [*If possible, show the children a picture of a plow, or use a forked stick to show how a plow digs up the earth.*]

Joseph taught Jesus how to do carpenter's work. He first showed Him how to use a hammer to pound in a nail. When Jesus was older, Joseph taught Him to use a saw to cut wood [*children with saws pretend to saw*]. The wood was often heavy, so Jesus grew strong muscles from lifting it. Do you have strong muscles? Show me your muscles.

Jesus had to use a lot of sharp tools in the carpenter shop. So He was very careful when He did His work. When Jesus got bigger, Joseph let Him build things by Himself. Jesus always put all the tools away when He finished. And He helped clean up. He helped His father, Joseph, by sweeping [*children with brooms pretend to sweep*] the shop at the end of every day.

Jesus loved His father and mother. He liked helping Joseph in the carpenter shop. He liked helping Mary around the house. It made them very happy that He was so helpful. Whatever work He was asked to do, Jesus did His best.

It makes me happy when you help me. What kind of things do you think you can do to help? You can bring me things. You can straighten the chairs. Helping and doing your best work makes you grow up big and strong like Jesus did.

Debriefing

Allow response time as you ask:

What did Joseph teach Jesus to do in his carpenter shop? What do you think Jesus did to help His mother? How do you think Jesus looked when He did His work? (happy, cheerful, focused on His work, etc.) **Do you think Jesus thought it was important to do a good job? Do you want to do good work like Jesus did? Remember . . .**



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Bible Study

You Need:

☐ Bible

Open your Bible to Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3. Point to the text and say: **Here is**

where we find today's story in God's Word, the Bible. Read the verses aloud.

Debriefing

Ask: **What kind of work did Jesus' father do? Did Jesus have brothers and sisters? Jesus belonged to a family just as you do. He helped at home and learned new things. In whatever He did, He always did His best work. Remember . . .**



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Memory Verse

Open your Bible to Proverbs 20 and

You Need:

☐ Bible

point to verse 11. Say:

This is where our memory verse is found in the Bible,

God's Word. Read the text aloud.

"Even a child is known by his actions" (Proverbs 20:11, NIV).

Have the children repeat the verse after you, using the following motions:

Even a child

Place hand flat a few feet from the ground, showing a small child's height.



is known

Point to forehead.



by his actions.

Pretend you are doing something with hands.



Proverbs 20:11

Palms together, then open.



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Applying the Lesson

What Would Jesus Do?

Use the "What Would Jesus Do?" questions below. Say: **Today our Bible story is about how Jesus helped others as a boy. After I read each question to you, I want you to tell me if you think that it is something that Jesus would do as a child. Make a thumbs-up sign (meaning yes) or a thumbs-down sign (meaning no).** Demonstrate.

"What Would Jesus Do?"

1. Pull a kitty's tail.
2. Come when His mommy called.
3. Help His father by carefully sweeping the carpenter shop.
4. Laugh when another child fell.
5. Take flowers to a sad neighbor.

6. Help take food to a sick family.
7. Tell His daddy "No!" when asked to go to bed.

Debriefing

Allow response time when you ask: **Do you think Jesus always obeyed and helped others? Do you like helping others? When you help, do you do your very best work? How do you feel when you try to do your best at something? What do you do to help others? Do you want to be like Jesus? Today's message is:**



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Sharing the Lesson

Helping Chart**You Need:**

- ☐ reproducible Helping Chart pattern (see p. 27)
- ☐ paper
- ☐ crayons
- ☐ scissors

In advance, copy the Helping Chart (see p. 27) for each child. Cut along the dotted lines to make "coupons" to tear off. Have the children write their name on the chart in the blank space and color the pictures.

Debriefing

Ask: **What are some ways you can help at home this week and do your best work?**

Each time you help at home, tear off

a coupon and give it to the person you help. How do you think your family will feel when you are a good helper to them? How do you think Jesus will feel when He sees you helping just as He did? Remember how Jesus did His work? He always did His best. Remember . . .



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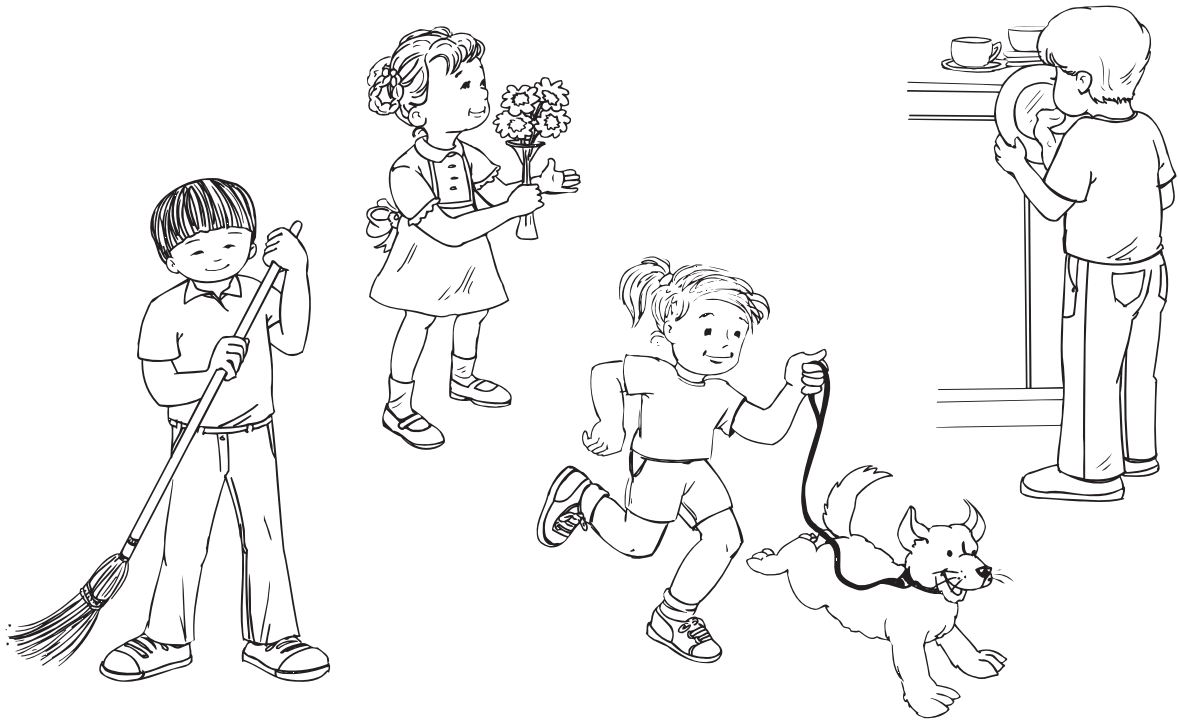
Closing

Pray for each child by name, that they will do their best work for Jesus this week.

Helping Chart
Lesson 2 - Sharing the Lesson

's *HELPING CHART*

(Child's Name)



We serve God when we do our best work.
 Tear off a coupon to give to someone each time you do your best work.

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house. It made them very happy that He was so helpful. Whatever He was asked to do, Jesus did His best.

It makes me happy when you help me. What kind of things do you think you can do to help? You can water the flowers. You can bring me things. You can dust the furniture. Helping and doing your best work makes you grow up big and strong as Jesus did.

Do and Say

Sabbath

Each day this week, read the story, and practice the memory verse together:

Even a childPlace hand near the floor.

Show a child's height.

is knownPoint to forehead.

by his actions.Pretend you are doing something with hands.

Proverbs 20:11Palms together, then open.

Sunday

Help your child act out ways Jesus helped His parents. Ask: What do you think Jesus learned to do? How can you be a helper like Jesus?

Hastily and sloppily stack magazines or put books back onto a shelf. Ask your child how it looks. Now let your child stack them neatly.

Monday

Help your child "read" the memory verse from the Bible. Talk about the word *actions* and how people notice them.

Go through your house and count all the things that are made of wood.

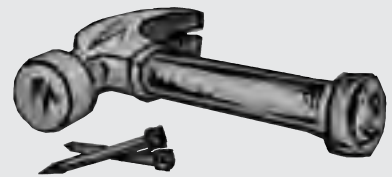
Tuesday

Say: Joseph taught Jesus to use a hammer

(get your child to do the motions), an ax, a drill, and a screwdriver. Were Jesus' muscles hard or soft? Show me your muscles. Were Jesus' hands hard or soft? What do your hands feel like? Do you think He ever got dirty? Tired? Ask God to help your child be more like Jesus.

Wednesday

Help your child make something with hammer and



nails. If possible, go to a lumberyard and see all the big pieces of wood. Ask: What kind of things did Jesus make? What did you make?

Thank Jesus for wood.

Thursday

To the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush," sing the words "This is the way we dump the trash [or other chore] . . . so I am like Jesus." Remind your child to do their very best. Thank your child for being a good helper today.

Friday

Help your child teach the memory verse to the family during worship. With some toy tools, have your child pretend to be Jesus helping Joseph. Talk about how Jesus would have done His very best. Pray that each family member will do their best to be like Jesus.

